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The Doctrine of Equity; a Commentary on the Law as administered in the Court of Chancery. By John Adams, Jun., Esq. Third American edition; with the Notes and References to the previous edition of J. R. Ludlow and J. M. Collins, and additional Notes and References to recent English and American decisions, by Henry Wharton. Philadelphia, 1855: T. & J. W. Johnson. pp. 918.

Adams' Equity is a book which no longer needs commendation to bring it into notice; the fact that it has already reached a third American edition, being a sure enough proof of its merit and its popularity. Its reputation is well deserved, for it certainly is one of the clearest, most condensed, and, at the same time, most comprehensive and accurate elementary works that we have. It is by far the best treatise on equity jurisprudence which can be placed in the hands of a student, and is not the less valuable as a book of reference for the practitioner.

We had occasion, on the appearance of the second edition of this work, to call attention to the full and careful American notes of Messrs. Collins and Ludlow, by which it was accompanied. The present volume embodies the labors of these gentlemen, and contains also additional notes, and references to the more important English and American decisions since the last publication. About two hundred pages of new matter appear to have been added. Anything further than this it would not be becoming for us to say, under the circumstances. Even the usual superlatives of a book-notice—meaningless and matter-of-course though they have grown to be—would be out of place. We can only express a hope that the present edition will prove as satisfactory to the profession as its predecessor.

Report of the Maryland Commissioners upon the Criminal Law, and upon certain branches of Civil Practice and Procedure. Prepared by William Price, one of the Commissioners. Baltimore: Cushings & Bailey. 1855. pp. 356, 8vo.

We have to express our acknowledgments to the author for a copy of this interesting and valuable pamphlet.